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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, petition of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to improve the security of electronic voting equipment. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Jay R. Kaufman	Alice Hanlon Peisch
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT REQUIRING SECURE VOTING EQUIPMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1: Section 33 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end of the third paragraph the  
3 following:—

4     Furthermore, electronic voting systems shall produce or  
5 employ permanent paper records of the votes cast that are able to  
6 be verified by individual voters before their votes are cast and that  
7 provide a manual audit capacity for the machine. After being ver-  
8 ified by the voter and cast, such records shall be stored in a secure  
9 manner whether within the voting machine or in a separate secure  
10 ballot box. Said permanent paper record shall identify the indi-  
11 vidual machine that produced them. In all cases, these records  
12 must be reviewed in the event of a recount and considered in con-  
13 junction with the machine-produced tally.

1     SECTION 2: Section 33A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the words “equipped with

3 internal components which register votes electronically” the  
4 following:— provided, however, that all electronic voting  
5 machines must also employ a voter-verified permanent paper  
6 record as described in section 33 of this chapter.